

# **Nightlife Code Compliance Team (CCT)**

## **2010 Year to Date Report**

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### **Background**

The City established a Joint Enforcement Team (CCT) to provide a framework for nightlife enforcement and regulatory assistance by a number of different city, county, state departments and agencies. To accord with new initiatives the name of the team was changed this year to Code Compliance Team. A Policy Team oversees the work of the CCT and provides policy and program guidance. These teams were established to ensure proper coordination among departments and agencies and to provide comprehensive regulatory and enforcement tools to address the complex issues surrounding nightlife.

The CCT meets every month to discuss nightlife activity including street food vending, enforcement actions and to develop recommendations for the Policy Team to consider. The Policy Team meets once a month and tracks trends and developments, and makes recommendations regarding new city policies such as noise and sound ordinances, density, zoning, food service, new licensing programs, deployment, definitions, etc.

### **CCT Activities**

The CCT and Policy Team are using the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) LiquorStat database to increase inter-departmental awareness of issues, increase coordination, and increase public safety in and around nightlife establishments.

The Office of Economic Development (OED) has developed a Nightlife Technical Assistance Program and a handbook designed to 1) assist nightlife establishment owners navigate and understand government rules and regulations by clearly laying out what is expected of them, 2) providing access to the resources, tools and training opportunities to maintain compliance, and 3) describing the consequences and penalties for falling out of compliance. The business assistance office also helps coordinate technical assistance meetings with business owners and relevant City departments to address various issues related to nightlife

SPD and OED have been promoting SPD's Security Training Program for Nightlife Employees. SPD made some minor changes to their Security Training for Nightlife Employees. These changes allowed a reduction in the minimum class size resulting in less class cancelations. In 2010 44

employees completed the training program for a total of 446 persons trained since the start of the project. The main obstacle to getting more people through the training course continues to be the \$75 fee for attendance. Finding a way to fund this program would further enhance nightlife safety in Seattle. Feedback from the nightclub community about the training is very positive.

### **CCT Enforcement Report**

For 2009, there were 1,497 on premise, (meaning permitted to sell and consume alcohol on site) liquor licensed establishments in the City of Seattle. Year to date for 2010 that number has increased by 15% to 1766 establishments. Year to date for 2010, 208 establishments had non-compliance\* issues addressed by CCT. 197 (or 94.7%) of the 208 businesses have worked with CCT members to bring to resolution their non-compliance issues. 11 establishments remain the focus of attention currently with the CCT.

	<b>Liquor License Establishments with Violations</b>		
<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Non-compliance Issues<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Back In Compliance<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>In Progress</b>
East	48	45	3
North	52	51	1
South	25	21	4
Southwest	10	9	1
West	73	71	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>11</b>

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"Non-compliance" is defined as nighttime operating establishments that violate issues of: public safety attributable to the establishment, legal violations of health, noise, licensing, taxing or permitting.

A business is deemed to be back in compliance when the violating establishment has returned to operating in a legal manner for four continuous weeks.